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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROMANIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM MBFR

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BUCHAREST HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS DELEGATION FROM THE MBFR TALKS. THE ROMANIANS HAVE LONG BEEN UNHAPPY OVER THEIR LIMITED ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE TALKS, WHICH THEY DESCRIBE AS "SALT WITH WITNESSES."

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BUCHAREST IS ESPECIALLY DISAPPOINTED IN THE US FOR NEGOTIATING BLOC-TO-BLOC. CEAUSESCU BELIEVES THAT BIPOLARIZATION PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE SOVIETS, EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZING ROMANIA'S FREEDOM OF ACTION ON ISSUES OF VITAL NATIONAL CONCERN.

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WHILE BUCHAREST IS SINCERE IN ITS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE COURSE OF MBFR, THE TIMING OF THE THREAT TO WITHDRAW MAY BE

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AN ATTEMPT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO ITS VIEWS BEFORE THE US-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING. ALWAYS SENSITIVE ABOUT PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS, BUCHAREST SEEMS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED NOW ABOUT POTENTIAL US-SOVIET "DEALS" ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND FORCE REDUCTION.

██████████ THEY WILL WITHDRAW QUIETLY, UNDER THE GUISE OF RETURNING HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS. THIS PRESERVES A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR BUCHAREST. THE ROMANIANS HAVE REPORTEDLY WARNED MOSCOW THAT ANY PRESSURE TACTICS RISK A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF DIFFERENCES. E-2, IMPDET██.H

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